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PATENT APPLICATION

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Examiner: Brinich, Stephen

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Title: AUTOMATIC BACKGROUND REMOVAL METHOD AND SYSTEM

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